NIAGARA COLLEGE
of Applied Arts and Technology
RESOURCE CENTRE

ACTIVE WOMEN RETURN TO SCHOOL AT 40

By SHIRLEY DICKSON

At an age when most women are breathing a sigh of relief that their children are in school five middle-aged women are walking out the door each morning and heading for classes at Niagara College.

These women have many things in common. They all have children ranging in age from eight to 24 years; they all manage a full schedule of classes at the college, as well as running a household; but most important of all, they are active women who have never been bored.

Jo, 47, mother of three children, summed up the feelings of these women. "I was a busy person, never bored, in fact I did a lot of volunteer work. Volunteer work was all right but I had no goal in sight. I wondered was I worth anything."

Amy, 48, a widow with two children, echoed these sentiments. "I was killing time; taking yoga classes, swimming and sewing." Any had been a bookkeeper and had served with the WRENS during the Second World War. She had also worked as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Her first thought was to go back to bookkeeping part-time, but she needed a goal. She had always been interested in library work, so rather than return to work she didn't really enjoy, she decided to enrol in the Library Technicians Courses at Niagara College.

This freedom of choice that Amy speaks of is typical of the women enrolled at Niagara. Financially secure, they found their struggle was within themselves. Unsure of their capabilities, untrained for any specific job, they had reached the stage described by psychologists as a second adolescence.

Their primary purpose of raising children was gradually diminishing and they found that they needed something to fill the gap. That "something" had to be a dream never fulfilled, a half wish pushed to the background, as their busy life superseded their own personal search for identity.

Beth, 47, mother of five children, had a Grade 11 education. She started taking creative writing courses by correspondence. With one child in college, she said she felt; "I was living in the world but

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Pull That Rope

Snow glistened when the sun appeared on the cold morning of Feb. 7, for the Educational Resource Technicians' Winter Carnival at the Lloyd Rice Public School in Welland. *Photo by Brenda Fox*

FREEZE ON FUNDS COULD MEAN FEWER STUDENTS AND COURSES

By STEVE SHARRATT

Niagara College has told the provincial government that it is in a relatively good financial position now, but "the future gives us cause for great concern".

This statement was contained in a review of the Niagara College 1973 Multi-Year Plan Analysis presented by college president A.S. Manera to representatives of the Council of Regents at a meeting here Feb. 6. The 1974 Multi-Year Plan, which will be completed soon, was not ready for presentation to this meeting.

The review also:

— forecast a steadily decreasing surplus leading to a deficit position by 1976 or earlier.

— said costs are rising much faster than expected increases in government funding.

— warned that, if no allowances are made for enrolment growth, students might have to be turned away because of lack of funds.

— recommended, instead of an across-the-board freeze on capital funds, that each request be considered on its own merits.

— criticized the "slow but seemingly irreversible trend" towards centralization of decision-making.

— warned that courses with low enrolment might have to be eliminated in the future.

— commented on the "fragmentation of the college".

The review said Niagara's enrolment was growing at a very healthy rate and that the single most important challenge facing college staff was the attrition rate.

The 1973 Multi-year Plan Analysis projects the college's position and future by five years. It is a speculation of percentages in determining enrolment increase, staff increase, wage and cost increase and balance these costs with the money provided by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Manera told the Niagara News the college will encounter financial difficulties "if inflation keeps rising and the government still holds spending".

"For the year 1974, the college is okay, but the concern lies in the years after," he said.

The report said that, though the college had a surplus on paper of $439,217 for 1972/73, in fact operating results were very close to an exact balance of income and expenditures, when allowance is made for replacing existing equipment. Because this allowance is inadequate, a deficit forecast for 1976/77 was "far more likely to occur much sooner".

Mr. Manera told the meeting many economy measures initiated has resulted in "a very frugal operation across the college".

"Further cuts cannot be made without adversely affecting the quality of education."

Several administrative positions have been eliminated through re-

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Would You Like a Longer Day?

By CHRIS HOLLAND

Students may be polled to determine their reactions to the proposed 10-period timetable, A.S. Manera, college president, said.

The change to 10-periods from the present eight is being considered as a means of easing college space problems.

Mr. Manera said another proposal being considered is a nine-period day with changes in the two-hour free time periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We are trying to minimize the problems," Mr. Manera said.

Students Next Fall Will Need Two Grade Point Average

By CHRIS HOLLAND

A grade point average of two or higher will be required for graduation under a new evaluation system being instituted this fall.

A.S. Manera, college president, said, "It is the college's view that the higher graduation requirement will improve the academic value of the student's diploma."

The higher standard will be required from all students entering the college this fall. Students who enrolled before this date will meet the previous requirements of an overall grade point average of 1.7 and a standing of at least 2 in specialist courses.

Also included in the new system will be a rating of Incomplete, which may be given by an instructor who feels that the student can reach an acceptable level of achievement without taking the course again.

Students will then have four months to complete additional work assigned by the instructor. A failing mark will be assigned if the work is not done by this time. The four-month period may be extended by the school dean under unusual circumstances.

Retraining Future Uncertain

By STEVE SHARRATT

The School of Retraining may be in for an uncertain future.

A.S. Manera, college president, told the Board of Governors on Jan. 24 that a new policy being considered by the Department of manpower and Immigration would call for tenders of retraining programs by colleges, boards of education or private concerns.

"This is not a final or firm policy," Mr. Manera said, "although it would be hard for the college to compete on a purely financial basis in such a case. At this point the department is not pursuing any action of this sort as far as we know."

The School of Retraining operates mainly from the Wellandvale campus in St. Catharines with a small branch of business retraining on the main campus in Welland. Students in retraining are paid by government subsidies in an attempt to train them in new skills or upgrade old skills.

SAC Elections For 8 Positions To Be Held On March 15

By KATHY RENWALD

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) elections will be held March 15, with nominations opening March 4 and continuing to March 8.

One week, beginning March 11, will be allowed for campaigning, and students interested in running must be in their second year, with a grade point average of at least 2.0.

Eight positions are to be filled: president, executive vice-president, vice-president of finance, vice-president for internal affairs, vice-president of external affairs, vice-president for athletics, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary.

Membership on the council can be used as a general or business elective.

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NIAGARA NOTES

Theatre workshop

Press Theatre and the Lincoln County Board of Education will hold a Theatre Workshop March 9 and 10 at the theatre rehearsal hall, 365 Glendale Ave., St. Catharines. Interested parties are asked to contact Ron McDonald at 227-4505 for registration forms.

Women's bureau

Employment Legislation and its effect on Women will be the topic of a speech to be given on Feb. 27 at 12:30 in room S107 by Heather Ross from the Women's Bureau in Toronto. An invitation to attend has been extended to all graduating women in the college.

EDITORIAL

This issue of the Niagara News, with its focus on the upcoming SAC [Student Administrative Council] elections is an attempt, and maybe one of the last, at stirring up interest in a subject that should be of interest to all.

Nearly everyone is quick to offer their opinion of SAC, be it a solid complaint, a blank stare or a grimace.

But talk is cheap, and criticism is easy to come by when one is a member of the great apathetic student body.

As a student, I see the dissatisfaction with and distrust of SAC members. As a reporter attending council meetings, I see their problems.

I see the endless often futile discussions of what the students want, and what to offer them.

And when the students get a chance to react, at the Bitch-Ins, they ignore the chance, or like a stuck record, repeat the only question they seem to know "Where does my $35 go?" An important question, but one that has been answered.

So the elections are near, and the opportunity arises to bring new ideas and changes into the council.

Or will the elections go by, in farcical fashion, with candidates from obscure Wine and Cheese Parties, like last year, or positions won by acclamation?

In recent talks with SAC members the possibility of hiring a business manager has been discussed.

This may be an indication of the future of the council: to employ one competent person to handle the ever popular pub-nites, and manage the athletic budget, and to do away with the council as we know it today.

If the students are completely satisfied with existing conditions, or continue to exist in a state of near unconsciousness, why keep up the pretence of needing a council to represent their feelings?

Kathy Renwald

ONE MONTH ONLY

SAC Offers Free Tax Service

By KATHY KEARNS

Free income tax service on a first-come, first-serve basis will be available to students for one month from Feb. 25 to approximately March 29 when the new student council takes over.

Tom McIntosh, vice-president of finance for SAC, will personally do a maximum of 200 income tax returns as a service for full-time students at the college.

He has been doing income tax returns for the past three years and has taken several courses at the college in the subject.

"For the most part, not always, the forms are very simple and require only 10 to 15 minutes apiece to do," said Tom.

Three drop-off points are planned. Tentatively, they are in the resource centre, one in A.S. Aboud's office and the other in the registrar's office.

Pick-up will take place on satellite campuses every Tuesday. All forms will be treated confidentially.

"It's an excellent idea and very good public relations," Tom said. "Students are always grumbling about their $35 activity fee. This is just a little something extra SAC is doing for them."

AWARD FOUR TROPHIES IN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

By WENDY LUCE

Four School of Business students received trophies in recognition of their high marks in the first semester.

The student with the highest grade point average in each division, regardless of year, was presented with the award at an orientation session in Hamilton Hall in January.

"We hope that by next year we will have an award for the highest mark in each year of each division," said John Josak, who made the presentations.

Recognized for their achievements were: Gary Robbins, second year General Business student; Carol Irving, Secretarial Sciences Division, with a 4 average; and two 4 averages in the Business Administation course, attained by Joyce Sallafranque and Louis Knight.

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Radio-TV Broadcasts Live Game Show

Second-year Radio-TV student, Tim Moses, informally hosts game show , 'Fooling Around'.

By SHIRLEY DICKSON

An ambitious program by Radio and TV students got off to a flying start Feb. 5 with the first live broadcast of "Fooling Around."

True to its name, the program, while setting no records for solving charades, had plenty of relaxed kibitzing.

Designed around a format similar to Party Game on Channel 11, a home team of three students and challenging team composed of staff and students managed to forget the cameras and enjoy the game.

Responding to the direction of Tom Woodward to "fool around a bit," Tim Moses ignored his script and made a relaxed host.

The trials of the director were varied; a buzzer that went off unexpectedly in the middle of a charade and a long crawl under cameras and over cables to get the attention of the host were only a few of the problems.

It was a close game for three quarters of the program with a tie score zero to zero. "We gotta change the rules," joked Moses. "Anyone who gets the first three words wins."

Produced and directed by second year Radio and TV students with first year helping with props, "Fooling Around" will be broadcast every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. TV sets throughout the college will carry the program.

"The challenge goes out to everyone in the college, students and faculty," Tom Woodward, program director, said. "We want to get involved with other departments and not keep it to just Radio and TV students."

Anyone wishing to become a contestant should call Tom at extension 300. Students are also welcome to come to Studio 2 and watch the live show provided they arrive well before broadcast time.

The home team for the first show had Lee Sterry, Bill Haight and Nancy Wood and the challenging team was Paul Davoud, Brian Green and Sue Witham.

"Fooling Around" is only one part of a full broadcast day every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

"We try to be as close to real TV conditions as possible," said Lee Sterry, duty announcer for Tuesday's broadcast.

Permission has been granted by the CBC to use some of their programs for the broadcast. "Kojak" will be shown from 9:30 to 10:30. It has been taped from TV by the students. All commercials will be cut and the time used for commercials and program ideas written by students.

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 there will be news, weather and sports with Jerry Paxton and Barry Paterson as announcers.

During the afternoon, movies, interviews and discussions as well as video tapes from last term will be shown ending with the news from 3:00 to 3:30.

Thursday's programs with Virgil Kalluy Kadet as program director will follow a similar format except that "Fooling Around" will be replaced by "Folk Train" a program of college talent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,
Niagara News:

I wish to draw student and faculty attention to "Project Jonah", one of several international organizations currently attempting to bring into effect the ten-year moratorium on industrial whaling, proposed by the U.N. in an effort to preserve these unique creatures from extinction. To date, Canada has refrained from voting on this crucial matter.

Mr. Farley Mowatt, author of "A Whale For The Killing", is Canadian president of this organization, and is urgently seeking signatures on a petition to forward this vital proposal. Interested persons or organizations should submit their names to:

Project Jonah,
12 Dacotah Avenue
Toronto 128, Ontario

Hoping that you will be able to publish this letter, and thanking you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Marilyn Stevens,
58 Vine Ave.,
Moncton, N.B.

Dear Editor:

I regret that I cannot take the credit for the artwork performed by the Educational Resource Technician students, as stated in your Feb. 7 edition.

It is Mrs. Muriel Hodgkins, part-time ERT instructor, who directs the students' weekly crafts sessions.

Sincerely,

Elvire Lucas, Instructor.
Educational Resource
Technician Program.

College Attracting More

By BRENDA FOX

Niagara College post-secondary, full-time enrolment has increased by 10.4 per cent over the previous year, slightly above the provincial average of 10 per cent.

A report presented to the Board of Governors in January said that Niagara's predicted enrolment for December 1973 had been 1,738 which "corresponds very closely with our actual enrolment of 1,726 on Dec. 1, 1973."

According to later figures, post-secondary enrolment by January was 1,546 — an increase of 117 over 1,429 students registered at the time last year. These figures do not include 341 nursing students nor the School of Retraining.

Forty-seven students, compared with 29 last year, registered in programs starting in January in Business, Technology, and Marine.

Looking to the future, the report said that is the 1972-73 enrolment growth rate were to continue, the projected figure for 1976 of 2,3037 post-secondary, non-nursing students "is too low."

"A realistic assessment of the situation, however, must take into account the effects of a levelling off of the secondary school population which are likely to be a reduction in the annual growth rate to an average of about seven per cent."

The nursing enrolment is expected to remain at about 350.

Despite this decrease in Grade XII student population, the report anticipates enrolment growth in Applied Arts, Business and Technology.

Applied Arts attracts many students who are not "turned on by technical or business courses, even though our Applied Arts programs have a lot of technical content," the report said.

Technology will be emphasizing the environment, transportation, housing and automotive aspects of its programs, modifying them or adding new ones as the need arises.

"These are current topics of social concern and should prove of interest to prospective students."

"The excellent placement record of business programs should continue to be a strong factor in attracting students to the School of Business," the report said.

"Expansion in the hospitality field appears the most promising avenue for enrolment growth. A program for the tourism and travel industry is being considered with this goal in mind."

The report outlined four factors which would probably tend to increase post-secondary enrolment:

1. Community acceptance at community college education is increasing. While secondary school "stop outs" may return as mature students, Grade XIII and university students may find a community college education better suited to their needs.
2. Several additional programs, aimed at students who are now being turned away from college over-subscribed programs, are being planned.
3. More attention is given to counselling students already in the college, along with remedial programs. The goal is to reduce attrition and improve retention rates.
4. Recruiting efforts such as the hiring of an Information Officer, the appointment of secondary school teachers to advisory committees, and work sessions with principals and guidance counsellors are being developed, and should have beneficial effects.

UNIQUE SET FOR PRESS THEATRE

By ROSEMARY CINO

Regal banners, red velvet throne, Shakespearean falcon and black cape--all would convince anyone casually passing through the prop construction room that the Theatre Centre students were working on an ordinary production of Hamlet--until they saw the model of the stage.

"It will look like a different world, give a different way of looking at things," said Tayie Rehem, set designer at the Theatre Centre.

Theatre Centre students are handling all the technical work of the Press Theatre production Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead which opens at Brock's College of Eduction Theatre Feb. 20 to March 2 with professional comedians, Clive Endersby and Gary Files and directed by Peter Boretski.

The play, which takes two minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guilderstern, from Hamlet and tells the story from their frustrated point of view, is described as a black comedy.

So what is black comedy, anyway?

"It's comedy turned upside down," said David Davies, who will play Claudius, the king, in the play. He is the chairman of the Liberal Studies program.

"It says something about the human condition. I know that sounds philosophical, but laughter makes things easier to take."

Mr. Rehem said they play is a challenge from the design angle because it is set "in a place without character — no time, no location."

This leaves the designer complete freedom of imagination.

Joan Davies tries Guildenstern's costume on Gary Files for Press Theatre production of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead. (Photo by Chris Holland)

The black set will have huge circles beaded with neon green and yellow balls glowing under black lights and billows of dry ice fog.

Mr. Rehem said this will be the first time the often—produced play would be set this way.

"The philosophy is expressed through the design," he said.

Director Peter Boretski said, "This is the kind of play that has pitfalls. It has profound thinking but the comedy can be lost analysing it. You have to find the fun in the situations to give the audience a good laugh."

"It's a good experience for the students to work with other directors," said Frank Norris, artistic director at the Theatre Centre.

Does it matter that Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are dead? "Well," Mr. Davies laughed, "it matters a hell of a lot to them."

First For Day Care

Babies Invade College as Part of New Course

By WERNER BERGEN

Niagara College will be the first school in Ontario to offer day care for infants under the age of two years.

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Early Childhood Program co-ordinator and director of Early Childhood Day Care Centre, said because of recent government legislation, one college in the province could offer a program in infant care. Niagara College was chosen to carry out the experiment.

The Early Childhood Program will add a third year specifically for infant care in September, 1974. The program will take 20 students who have a diploma in the Early Childhood Program. Mrs. Hamilton said she hopes the third year students will have a year's experience in the field before taking the course.

The centre will take 10 infants over the age of four months. Mrs. Hamilton said she hopes the youngest would be six months but four months would be the absolute minimum.

The third year students will be taught the basics of child care. There will be two regular teachers and some guest lecturers — pediatricians, general practitioners and other specialists.

Graduates of this course can be placed in day care centres and home care centres. The home care centre is a new concept allowing women to take up to five children into their homes and care for them. These private homes will be under the direct supervision of the province.

"We have three babies registered already, and we don't even know where we are going to put them," Mrs. Hamilton said.

She said the children will get the best care and the students taking the course would be in for a real experience.

"The children between six months and 18 months of age are at an age where social interaction is most important," Mrs. Hamilton said. "We'll give them all our tender loving care."

Hospital Film Project for Radio and TV

By ROSEMARY CINO

Radio and TV students have undertaken a challenging task — of making a film to help young children get over their fear of hospitals.

The 10-minute color pre-admittance film will be shot at the St. Catharines General Hospital.

Larry Taylor, Radio and TV program co-ordinator, said, "rom our point of view it gets the students into a real situation."

He said the students are enthusiastic about working the plan from the idea, to budget, processing, special effects right through to one original reel.

"One of the most upsetting things for a child is to have to go to the hospital for an operation or extended care," said Murdock Keith, social services program co-ordinator.

In the past, he said, this has always been a problem for hospital staff and psychologists.

There have been pamphlets and storybooks to help both parents and children.

Mr. Keith said the modern child is so used to the visual impact of television, he felt, "This is by far the best way to help."

The idea for the film was presented to the college by the Women's Auxiliary of the St. Catharines General Hospital which is supporting the film.

The Women's committee headed by Mrs. Ann Ashdown have children of their own and have become concerned about the problem.

Problems Despite Parking Zone

By THOM LEPP

An area at the east end of the shipping and receiving department parking lot has been designated as a 15-minute loading zone for students and faculty alike.

The parking facility for just one car at a time was incorporated by the college management committee to remedy a parking problem that has been plaguing the college in past years.

Jack Spittle, college manager of property and plant, said, "The special parking area came about as a result of a number of discussions and requests from students and faculty. From time to time they need a place to park, as close as possible to the building, to load or unload equipment and books."

"At this location it does not interfere with the normal operations of the shipping and receiving department."

At least two Niagara College instructors have displayed disappointment with the college's present parking facilities and the new 15-minute loading zone.

"All the colleges I have visited have designated areas for visitors and faculty," said Interior Decorating program co-ordinator, Paul Firlotte.

"I don't think the 15-minute parking area is very helpful at all. Not one bit," Mr. Firlotte said.

"I am very disappointed that we are not able to give our visitors facilities for parking. I feel it is detrimental to the school in attracting good people to speak to and teach our students," he siad.

E. W. Morgan, Niagara College English instructor, said the 15-minute parking area "is certainly not a satisfactory arrangement."

"From my knowledge, teachers who work on other campuses and come back to the Welland campus with equipment to carry into the school have not the time to remove the equipment to their classrooms, return to the car, find a new parking space and return to class on time," Mr. Morgan said.

"Instead of having a 15-minute parking area, stickers should be given to those teachers who work on more than one campus."

He felt a parking area should be designated for these drivers.

Students also voiced their opionions on the college parking situation.

Jack Karr, a first year electronics student, said he thought that teachers "should take their chances at finding a parking space just like the rest of us."

A first year interior decorating student, Lucy Dewolff, said, "I think that the teachers are entitled to special parking facilities."

Niagara College represented at international conference

By KAREN CROZIER

Second year interior design student Jim Storie represented Niagara's Interior Decorating program at an international conference in Winnipeg.

The Feb. 7-10 conference brought students and professional designers together to discuss topical issues. Architects, interior and graphics designers came from Calgary, Vancouver, Chicago, California and elsewhere. Former cabinet minister Paul Hellyer and L. O. Gertier, research director for the ministry of urban affairs, attended.

Jim will report back to students on the conference Resolutions and discussions will be compiled and sent to participating schools.

Each morning a panel of professionals discussed a topic which was later turned over to seminar groups of 10 to 15 students for discussion.

Design courses and examinations, design in the community and the relationship between the ideal design and the actual outcome were topics discussed.

Revolutionary designer and philosopher Buckminister Fuller who designed the geodesic dome was scheduled to speak at the conference Feb. 9.

Nursing research project planned

By GARY MATTHEWS

Niagara College will take part in an educational project involved with the study of nursing education in this province.

The project — Learning to Nurse More Effectively — will bring the professional and financial resources of Ontario's 22 community colleges together to investigate ways of developing additional sophisticated learning materials and resources for nursing education.

The project will be the first joint co-operative effort by provincial colleges in dealing with a common educational goal.

The study will investigate the expanded use of audio-visual teaching aids, their cataloguing, accessibility and up-dating for the creation of more individualized learning opportunities.

Niagara College will be contribute more than $1,800 per year to the project based on its nursing enrolment of 370 students.

TIGHT FIT FOR VICTIMS

Health Nurse Marion Kerr adjusts a posing patient on a stretcher in the college elevator. The result of her experiment was the realization that if anyone breaks his back on the second or third floor of the Simcoe building, they had better opt to be carried down by way of the stairs. Made worse by the fact it has no straps to hold the patient on, the stretcher would have to be turned on its side to fit in the evevator, then it would stay at a 45-degree angle inside. Either position is guaranteed to precipitate a helpless person onto the floor.

Photo by Miriam Showalter

DON'T FORGET TO Vote!

SAC ELECTIONS

Offices Available

President

Honorarium--$1,000 per year. The president acts as overseer of all executive positions, delegates authority and presides at meetings. The ability to get along with people, good marks, and a car are important assets. The president must be able to take criticism, and would benefit by a background in student government. According to Beth Bridgeman, SAC president, be prepared to put in a 40-hour week.

Vice-President

Honorarium--$20 per month. The executive vice-president will take the place of the president if absent. It is defined in the constitution as an advisory position. But, according to Scott Trinder, current vice-president, "The position depends on how much you want to put into it." "It's really a job of tying up loose ends and following up on things," Scott said. "To do it properly, you must devote a lot of time to it." Spending 25 to 30 hours a week with the job is not unusual

VP-Finance

Honorarium $20 per month. The vice-president of finance handles the money and the budget. The position encompasses dealing with accountants, auditors, and most importantly, bank managers. Tom McIntosh, vice-president of finance, called the position vulnerable; "a person's credibility is laid on the line." He said the position demands a student with a business background. "If the system runs smoothly, three to four hours a week is enough time to devote to the job," he said.

VP-External Affairs

Honorarium--$20 per month. The vice-president of external affairs is a job of public relations. Corresponding with other colleges, and dealing with the community are some of the duties. Creating goodwill is an important part of the job, according to Garret Smits, vice-president of external affairs. He devotes about three to four hours a week to the job.

VP-Internal Affairs

Honorarium--$20 per month. The vice-president of internal affairs works with the largest budget — about $200,000 — and is responsible for pubs, concerts, dances, and Winter Carnival. The position calls for dealings with musical agencies, and liquor salesmen. According to Jerry Dracz, vice-president of internal affairs, he spends about 10 to 12 hours a week at the job, not including time spent travelling, listening to bands, and attending conferences.

VP-Athletics

Honorarium--$20 per month. The vice-president of athletics takes care of varsity sports within the college. He handles the athletic budget, and acts as representative at sports events whenever possible. According to Bill Zubrinich, vice-president of athletics, the position demands someone honest, with the ability to organize, and to communicate with the athletic department.

Corresponding Secretary

Honorarium--$20 per month. The corresponding secretary is responsible for any correspondence delegated by the council, and will take the place of the recording secretary if absent. According to Diane Vukovich, corresponding secretary, the position is not a demanding one, but does afford the experience of being a SAC member.

Recording Secretary

Honorarium--$20 per month. The recording secretary records the minutes of all SAC meetings, and enters them in the books.

SAC Speaks Out

Students have had their chances all year to give their opinions on the Student Administrative Council (SAC) whether at Bitch-Ins, in the Niagara News, or just in the lounges. In the interest of equal time, this article is just a small representation of how SAC members have felt about their experiences this year.

APATHY

This was the issue that all eight council members always mentioned and agreed upon.

Scott Trinder, executive vice-president; "Apathy is supreme here, this place is like a morgue. The kids are not motivated. I still think there is hope but the students need a jar. If you exploded a bomb under them, I don't think they would notice."

Garret Smits, vice-president, external affairs: "The strongest showing of school spirit is on the last day of the term when everyone gets together at the hotel."

Beth Bridgeman, SAC president; "It's been quiet this year, almost too quiet; I don't know whether the kids are happy with everything, or whether trouble is brewing."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR . . . .

Beth Bridgeman; "We've offered pubs each week, and membership in all the clubs is up. Even the tech boys started a club.

Garret Smits; "Communication with the satellite campuses has improved, they attend our meetings now, and we go to their schools to have meetings also."

Bill Zubrinich, vice-president of athletics, "This year is the best year ever for organization and general office procedure. I brought a former SAC member into our office and showed him the files and records we keep, and he said the improvement was terrific."

PUBS . . .

Scott Trinder; "We average about 450 to 500 kids at a pub, but the cafeteria is dead; it has no atmosphere — it's a lousy place for a pub."

Jerry Dracz, vice-president internal affairs; "The kids have been much better this year, we've had hardly any trouble. They don't realize whenever there is a fight, the police file a report and I have to spend a whole day at the Liquor Licence Board explaining what happened."

IMPROVEMENTS FOR FUTURE SAC'S . . .

Bill Zubrinich, "I think our offices should be moved to the main campus. The SAC house is so out of the way a kid just can't walk over to see what's going on. If we were at the main school, I think communication would be improved, but with the space problem, I don't know if we'll be moved there."

Beth Bridgeman; "We've discussed the possibility of hiring a business manager, to co-ordinate pubs and special activities; it would be a back-up position."

Scott Trinder; "I like the idea of the president and maybe the vice-president, taking a year off school and devoting full time to SAC duties. Being in either of these positions on the council is a full time job, and trying to give school and SAC equal attention is hard."

Garret Smits; "I think the division representatives could be a strong link between SAC and the students, but this year applied arts only had one attending the meetings. It's really a breakdown in communication."

Bill Zubrinich; "I think all division reps should attend SAC meetings, then be given time in their classes to report to the students what went on."

Roving Reporter

Question: If you were a member of SAC what changes would you make?

By KATHY KEARNS and MIRIAM SHOWALTER

Terry Hamilton, 19, first year dental assistant — That's a toughy. If possible I would eliminate the charge for pubs which I think is unnecessary and unfair. I'd try to get more interest in school teams.

Susan Nash, 20, first year general college diploma — First I think I would change the pub-nites. I think they should be Friday instead of Thursday. I don't feel the students know what's going on enough. Should have the students know what's going on, have the members talk to them more, tell them what they're doing. I don't think half of the first years even know who's running the council.

G. A. Blazetich, co-ordinator, general college diploma — I don't think they can do very much in view of student apathy. Even if they threw free pub-nites the same number of people would come. I think this is a problem where no students of the school avail themselves of SAC's services. Most problems are probably due to student apathy. Better campaigning might help.

Debby Swain, 23, second year legal assistance — I don't even know what SAC is. It's hard to answer. I think communication could be better. More in the newspaper about them. Something in there might draw attention.

Kenneth MacKay, 18, first year general college diploma — I'd try to work something out besides pubs for get-togethers because there's a lack of school spirit. More discussion groups, straight dances without booze. There are some people who don't like booze. Activities during school. Bring in first-class movies after school, with admission of course.

Jeanette Plouffe, 17, first year interior design — I'd tell them I'd try to make things better. A lot more sports and try to get the students what they want. Actually they'd be in a lot of trouble if I was elected. They should get films in. Give people something to do in those double lunches.

Bernadette Secco, 19, first year Radio and TV — Pub-nites longer. The groups at pubs really bother. I like to dance, which is almost impossible with hard-rock bands. I'd have more danceable bands.

Dirk Jol, 21, a third year mechanical drafting student and Pub-Nite manager — Just keep the president and vice-president. The other positions are unnecessary. I'd move the SAC into the college instead of having it way out there. I'd have a closer relationship between SAC and the administration. Have to invite all SAC members to the Board of Governors meetings, not just the president. Change pubs to get a permanent licence and make either the lounge into a bar or make the new extension partly into a permanent bar. There should be a permanent paid bar manager. Professional bartenders. Bond the manager, president, vice-president and cashier. Nobody but the manager touches the money but he's responsible to the council. All losses at pubs should be made up personally by the manager and the cashier. Students shouldn't have to pay at the door. Entertainment every afternoon. Cut activity fee. Board of Govenors gives SAC a $50,000 budget — no more. Money should be allocated not to the council but to an auditor working in co-operation with the council. SAC should become unincorporated.

Jack Vethaak, 18, first year Radio and TV — I'd do something about pub-nites and how they operate. I wouldn't want them to lose their licence so I'd change it. I'd make strong moves to changes that would allow us to keep our pub-nites as long as school exists.

Louis Knight, 23, third business administration — That's a good question. I have no particular suggestions but I think the main challenge would be getting more involvement. I think most meetings are after school, some dinner party or something. I think they should be held during the day with some inducement to students to attend.

Susan J. Witham, 19, first year Radio and TV — First, I'd like to make it more public knowledge what they're doing with the $35 fee and what they're doing with themselves. Let the average student who isn't involved with the council know about things. Let them know how to find out information and who to make suggestions to and let their views be known.

Tony Henry, 27, first year general college diploma — I would destroy the myth of student apathy. In doing this I would make students aware of what is going on around them. I would break down the activities to suit students that can't come to the one and only opiate that SAC has offered which I think is downright stupid because it takes the students as fools. SAC has been known as always to be publishing facts which have no basis. It's all words. Nothing is being done.

Second-year fashion arts student, Cathy Toms, models a yellow knit spring coat which will be entered in the Feb. 27 fashion show at Sir Winston Churchill High School. Cathy is co-ordinator of the show in which second-year students are hand-making various clothes to model. On her left is an orange crepe 50's style dress with dolman sleeves. On her right is a rainbow colored jersey knit dress with one side flared. The dresses and the coat are as yet incomplete.

FASHION SHOW FOR NIAGARA

By DIANE WOOD

The "Faces of Eve" is the theme for a second-year fashion arts students' fashion show to be held Feb. 27 at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines.

Cathy Toms, co-ordinator of the committee set up to organize the show, said the theme will incorporate four different types of women and the styles of clothing they would wear.

Students will model the styles: feminine, natural, elegant and avant-garde. Sports wear, dresses, evening wear and a bridal outfit will be shown.

This, the program's second fashion show, will also include cotumes made and designed by the students to suit their own figure problems. Twenty students who will model these particular designs.

A committee has been set up with Judy Clarkson as producer, Cathy Toms as co-ordinator and eight other divisions of responsibility.

The clothing for the main part of the show, the "Faces of Eve", will come from local stores. Members of the clothes selection committee are going to these stores for fittings with the models. Braemar, Jack Nash, Tip Top Tailor's, The Right House, The Villager, Mitchell's, Junior Town and Studio 90 are participating.

The publicity committee will distribute posters in schools in St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls and news releases to local papers and radio stations. Niagara College Radio-T.V. program is sponsoring an hour-long commentary on the program and will also film the show.

Because students will show men's and children's fashions as well as teen's and mature women's wear, children from two years up will model. College instructors, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Morgan have also agreed to model fashions. Miss Toms said there will be about 30 models and 100 showings in the two-hour show.

Bud Smith of the Salon Chez Nous in Fonthill will design hairstyles to suit the fashions.

"The hairstyle will probably be changed every time the outfit changes," Miss Toms said.

Make-up will be done by the Merle-Mornan studios in Niagara Falls.

Four commentators, one for each woman's segment, will present the show. Faye Vandenbeukel, Shirley Schuilling, Tammy Lazoren and Sue Maclean are on the commentator's committee.

Ron Gordon, college interior decorating instructor, is helping with the stage design which consists of four large three dimensional props — one for each "face". Each prop will turn, presenting various pictures as the show progresses.

Students have been given a $500 budget; Miss Toms said it was going to be hard to stay within it.

Tickets are $1 and can be obtained at: Jack Nash Ltd., St. Paul St., St. Catharines; Braemar, Pen Centre, St. Catharines; and Mitchell's Ladies Wear, Queen Street, Niagara Falls, or Main Street East in Welland.

WHAT IS SAC?

Is That A New Game?

By KATHY KEARNS

As a roving reporter I had to rove far and wide to find the 19 people I did to answer my question.

The number of people in this school who are completely ignorant of SAC — who they are and what they do and don't do — is unbelievalbe.

Roving is always accompanied by difficulties. You get your fair share of people who won't talk, won't give their names or when they do talk and identify themselves, answer as if it's a contest for this year's winning joke.

But try asking a question about SAC and ine times out of 10, you're up against a brick wall composed of blank looks and questioning eyes.

Besides the normal comments, the standard answer is, "I don't really know,", "I can't really answer that,", and "SAC? SAC who? Is that a new game?"

I must have asked at least 40 people the question. Of the 19 who answered, five "really didn't know." Only after some fumbling and coaching did they come up with a comment.

Ah yes, the coaching. That's common. To help along the people who could have something to say if you got them started, you begin asking, "What about pub-nites? Would you like more clubs?"

After explaining 20 different ways at 20 different times a brief outline of SAC, it was with relief and joy I came across Dirk Jol who, unaided and unprompted, gave me two hand-written pages of good, solid criticism and suggestions.

Surprisingly enough, of all the people unaware of SAC no one saw any need for improved communication between students and the council.

Whatever the lack of whatever it is that's lacking in all directions, I'm a smarter and wiser person for the experience. The next time any editor asks me to rove for SAC, I'll rove into the newsroom and hide under the table before I get involved again.

Demand great for Hotel & Food class

By DAVE ARNOTT

There are many schools within the complex of Niagara. One is almost a family within itself, a closely knit unit living at the Sheraton Foxhead Hotel in Niagara Falls.

It goes by the official title of Hotel and Food Services Management.

"This course is unique in Ontario, as it is the only course operating in a commercial establishment, similar in manner to that of the most successful schools in Europe," according to Peter Sullivan, program co-ordinator. The program is designed to train the student to function at the "middle-management level" in hotels and resorts.

Stressing experience and practicality, the students learn such things as bar operation, catering management, wine service, basic kitchen preparation, and accounting.

In its fourth year of operation, the program has a creditable placement record. Last year, 14 of 15 graduates were placed in the industry in "supervisory positions".

Every Thursday, the students put on a luncheon for managers and perhaps some of the staff of restaurants and hotels in the area. They learn how to plan the menu, preparation and service of food, bar operation, set-up, clean-up and cash control.

Students work under a student chef, and a student maitre d'. These positions are held on a rotational basis throughout the term. Any profits derived from luncheons are put back into the program to buy needed equipment.

Their productions can be quite lavish, as shown by the Christmas party, the centre of attention of which was a roast suckling pig, served in the magnificent setting of the the penthouse at the Foxhead, with its view of Niagara Falls.

"I like it", said Lil Day, second year student. "Eventually you can get into management." She is the treasurer of the Hotal and Food Services Club.

With between 60 and 65 students in the course, there are 52 members in the club. The club puts on its own car rallies, hors d' oeuvres parties and film nights. "If we do it ourselves, then it's the way we want it", said Ab Lachapelle, third year student and president of the club.

Rumors in the past have told of alienated feelings between Hotel and Food Services and the Student Administrative Council. "But since the reconstruction of SAC and the reconstruction of the Club, we've had no problems", according to Ab. "Beth Bridgeman, (president of SAC) has been very helpful to us.

"We have our own recreation facilities here. Through Mr. Aboud, we got half-price 'Y' memberships, so we can go up there. If we want to use the (Welland campus) gym, we can call up Pete Rylander, and he'll set it up".

Though they have no real classrooms, they improvise. Having no cafeteria, A. S. Aboud, director of student affairs, arranged to have the Jolly Brewer Pub give the students a full hot meal for $1.50 at lunchtime.

In the near future, the club plans to hold its annual "international dinner," featuring dishes and decor of the country featured.

Previous debts paid by SAC

By KATHY RENWALD

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) entered office this year facing a $15,000 debt incurred by past councils; Beth Bridgeman, SAC president, says they have paid it all off and may have money to spare.

The council secured a $10,000 bank loan earlier this year to begin to pay off bills from as far back as 1971.

"Things had been let ride," said Beth, for example a bill for $2,000 for the 1972 yearbook.

Bills for the Gestetner purchased last year, policemen hired for pubs in 1972, and jackets for a council three years ago, are more illustrations of bills that had been forgotten.

Tom McIntosh, vice-president of finance, is especially proud of setting up a financial system in which all purchases are recorded, and a much tighter reign is kept on all expenses.

According to SAC members, past councils had been very lenient with their money, something that has been eliminated with this council.

Beth said the whole executive budget has been cut down.

Hort. half-way house designed for plants

By DIANE WOOD

Three structures for housing plant materials were new additions to the horticulture program last fall at the St. Catharines school.

A wooden lath house to protect plants from wind and cold, a commercial size fibreglass green house, and a plastic "poly house" for overwintering plants were completed by November.

The lath house, a structure of thin strips of wood over a frame, is used to protect plants from light and wind extremes.

J. P. Mansfield, program co-ordinator, referred to the building as a "halfway house" for plants, saying, "They come out of the protected environment of the greenhouses to the lath house, not yeat ready to be fully exposed to the outdoors."

The wooden strips provide a snow fence similar to those seen along highways used to prevent snow build-up.

Alan Bowler, instructor in the program, said such deciduous materials as rhododendrons and roses are kept in the lath house in winter. In the summer the house is used to prevent plants from drying out because of the sun.

"It is a holding area to prevent plants from burning up," Mr. Bowler said.

The fibreglass greenhouse, storing a variety of crops for student use, provides a commercial size work area.

"It simulates as closely as possible the commercial process," Mr. Bowler said. "It's an exposure to a commercial practice like garden centres or nurseries which would have something like this."

The advantage of the fiberglass is that it is easier and cheaper to build with and maintain and provides a free work area without posts in the middle such as the present glass greenhouses have.

It is now being used to store material for the March open house. In summer, bedding plants will be stored in the greenhouse to cool off before being put outside.

Mr. Bowler said there are plans to grow European cucumbers in the summer and, when the greenhouse is heated, to grow various crops in the winter also.

The plastic "poly house," used only for overwintering and has only a one-year expectancy, was built by the students last October.

It is primarily for coniferous materials, Mr. Bowler said, and the plastic is taken off in the summer.

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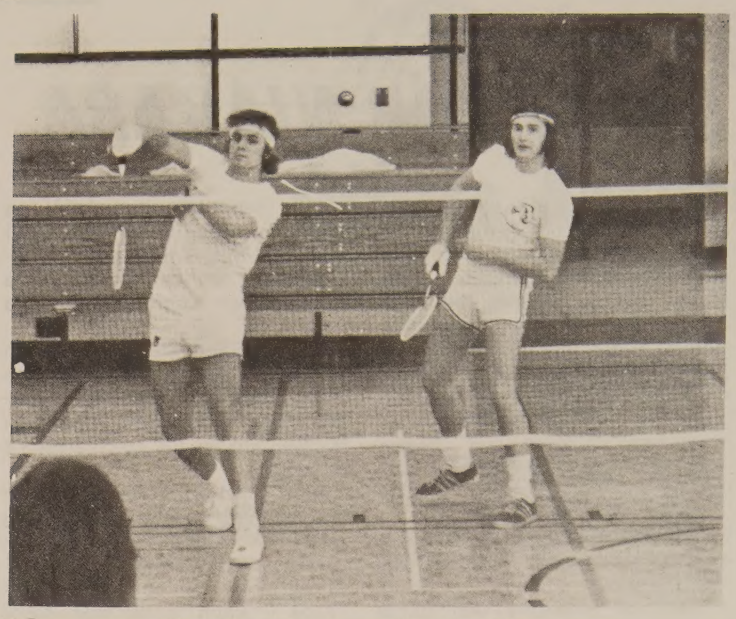


Winn and Woodhead - men's doubles team

(Photo by Rick Nelson)

Niagara second in badminton but win ladies doubles play

By RICK NELSON

Edged out by only two points, the Niagara College badminton team took second place in the Feb. 9 tournament held at Niagara, losing to Mohawk College 24-22.

Five teams took part in the games including Mohawk of Hamilton, St. Clair College of Windsor, London's Fanshawe College and Lambton College of Sarnia.

The ladies team of Niagara took top honors in the ladies division beating Lambton College by almost three points.

The men's team placed second to Mohawk.

The top two winners in each division advanced to the finals which will be held in Noranda, Que., March 25 and 26.

Altogether, Milly Russell and Lillian Bodnaruk, Terry Porter and Jeff Frazer will go to the finals for Niagara College.

Milly Russell and Lillian Bodnaruk combined in the ladies' doubles to win all four of their games and were by far the best women's doubles team in the tournament.

Jill Myerscough and Colleen Kelly of Fanshawe won only two games to finish a distant second to the Niagara pair.

Niagara's men's doubles team was not as fortunate as Wally Winn and Tim Woodhead placed third, winning two of their four games.

Losing only to Mohawk's Gwenn Barton and Norm Johnson, Terry Porter and Jeff Frazer, Niagara's mixed doubles team, took second place with three wins.

In ladies singles action, Leslie Going of Niagara finished third behind Sandy Stewart of St. Clair and first place finisher Helen Kukura of Lambton. Beth Bridgeman placed sicth in the singles play.

Paul Sipos of Niagara ended the day's play in third place in the men's singles.

Nemcko's Five Goals Lead Knights To Win

By RICK NELSON

Though suffering injuries, the Niagara Knights hockey club won two of three road games defeating Durham College in Oshawa 8-3, Georgian College in Barrie 8-5 but lost in Windsor to Fanshawe 9-1.

In Durham, Gary Nemcko had an outstanding night picking up five goals to lead the Knights to their victory.

Durham was able to keep the game close until the third period when the Niagara club exploded for four goals. Leo Murphy struck for two goals while Rob Brown, the third highest scorer on the Niagara team, tallied the final goal.

Niagara Coach Fred Bassi said it was a clean game as the Knights picked up 12 minutes in penalties to Durham's 2.

That was not the case with the Georgian club.

"They are a bigger team," said Bassi, "They tried to intimidate us but the team held their ground."

The rough but exciting game saw the Georgian club hang on to a 3-3 tie at the end of the second period on goals by Bill Calbert, Al Curran and Gary Sproule. Pete Vincent, playing with a broken jaw, Murphy and Brown scored for Niagara.

Waxy Gregorire and Dan Bootby gave the Georgian team a 5-3 lead but Morgan and Nemcko replied for Niagara.

After Nemcko scored he was attacked by Gregorire. Rob Brown interceded and had it out with the Georgian player.

Later, Paul Minnies and Chuck Toth fought. Minnies was pushed through the penalty box door.

Bobby Steers fired a wrist shot in the net from 20 feet out which proved to be the winner.

Leo Murphy then scored on a breakaway to make the score 7-5 and Steers rounded out the scoring with a slapshot from the blueline.

"We were outshot 56-32," said Bassi, "but Richard Court (Niagara goalie) played a fantastic game."

Injuries and a suspension hurt the Knights in the St. Clair game.

Chuck Toth sat out the game after receiving a butt ending penalty in the previous game and Bill Young, Bill Zubrinich, Al Cleverdon and John McIntosh were all hit with injuries.

Nemcko scored the lone goal for the Knights.

Bassi said he had to go with two lines "because we didn't have enough horses to complete the game."

Knights lose two to extend streak at eleven loses

By THOM LEPP

Two defeats, one at St. Clair and one here against Mohawk, kept the Niagara Knights losing streak in perfect order. The two losses left the Knights with a 0-11 win-loss record in OCAA league play this season.

On Jan. 31 at Niagara, the Knights lost to Mohawk College 95-72.

Although they did lose the game, the Knights gained respect by scoring 72 points against the strong Mountaineers.

The Knights played a strong second half, holding the Mohawk team to 45 points while scoring 40 themselves.

Rick Ludlow led the Knights with 16 points, John Gojmerak scored 14 and Wayne Wiese hit for 12.

Brian Dyck with 22 points and Rod McDonald with 16 points led the strong Mohawk attack.

On Feb. 9 the Knights travelled to Windsor where they were defeated by St. Clair College 89-49.

"They were just too big," said Niagara coach Pete Rylander.

"They completely out-rebounded us," he added.

Gojmerak scored 16 points while Wiese added eight points in the losing effort.

St. Clair's six-foot seven centre Duane Newby hit for 18 points and team mate Mike Roos netted 14 points.

COURTESY IS PREVALENT IN THE DENTIST'S CHAIR

By KATHY KEARNS

Tony Henry sat in the green-carpeted waiting room patiently awaiting his turn in the dentist's chair. In a short while he would be examined by the dentist assisted by the girls in the Dental Technician course.

He displayed no fear or qualms about delivering himself to the hands of "inexperienced students". He'd been there before and was thoroughly impressed with the service.

Tony, 27, a first year general college diploma student, damaged his teeth in an accident.

His first appointment at the school was to have X-rays taken.

"I just opened my mouth and they stuck all those things in it, film and that. It was like playing because the girls were fussing around."

Tony would recommend the service to anyone. There is a qualified dentist and, according to Tony, "Courtesy seems to be one of the rules of the house."

"The girls always smile and they're very attentive. As soon as I get this tooth fixed, I'll have full proof of their worth."

Appointments are taken all day Wednesday and Friday, Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Anita Kot, a student of the course, gives this advice: "If your appointment is at 2:30 come at 3:00. They're always late."

Right now there is a waiting list for appointments. "That's probably because of Dental Health Week and there's a lot more interest," said Anita.

Women Lose 58-37 In Basketball Play

By THOM LEPP

Centennial College of Toronto topped the Niagara College ladies basketball team 58-37, in a game played in Toronto on Feb. 1.

The Centennial team scored 28 points in the second half, after leading at half-time, 30-16.

Angie Muto and Kris Wasiak scored 10 and nine points respectively for the Knights, while Terry Blasik netted 18 for Centennial.

The Niagara team now has a 4-7, win-loss, record, in the western division of OCAA league play.

Male Sex Drive Higher Say Men In Survey

By KATHY KEARNS

A random survey of 40 people by first-year social service students indicated that a majority of people approve of inter-racial marriage, and that men only believe their sex drive is higher than women's.

Stella Wiggell and Jocelyne Ivanouskis designed the survey questions themselves as an assignment for their sociology instructor, James Nicholas.

The breakdown of persons answering the questionnaires was: 20 married, 20 single; 17 men, 23 women; 10 under 20 years of age, 14 between 20 and 30, 9 between 20 and 40, and 7 over 40.

One-quarter of the sample were students of Niagara College. The rest were friends, neighbors and parents.

The students were attempting to define community attitudes to inter-racial marriage, men's sex drive and whether young people's marriage goals are similar to their parents'.

The project was "excellent" and "truly interesting", according to Mr. Nicholas.

"It was very revealing about unrealized human behavior, particularly in married couples. Men believed their sex drive was higher while the married women indicated they were dissatisfied with their sex lives."

The majority of the sample felt that inter-racial marriage could lead to the breakdown of international reacialism, that the children of the marriage could benefit from the cultural experiences of both parents and that stimulation of different ideas between the couple could keep the marriage alive and interesting.

Reasons for disapproving of these marriages were: effects on the children, disapproval of society in general and the differences in cultural background, traditions, religion and values which could be areas of conflict.

As far as having their son or daughter marry someone of another race, 80 per cent would approve. The 20 per cent who did not approve were in the older age category "which bore out the theory that younger people are more broadminded and open to change," the survey found.

One question in the survey asked, "Do you think love can conquer all barriers?". The students found that realism shone through. Two-thirds thought that more than love was needed to overcome difficulties.

Everyone agreed that maturity, realism and love were necessary for an inter-racial marriage — or any marriage — to succeed.

School Paid Off

COLLEGE GRAD PROMOTED AFTER 9 MOS.

By DAVE ARNOTT

Dave Calvert is a very happy man. A graduate of the Power Engineering Technology program last year, Dave, 27, has accepted the position of chief electrical engineer with Monarch Flour Mills Ltd.

This entails "specifications, layout and trouble-shooting for the 100 company divisions in Canada, and two in the Caribbean".

He was placed nine months ago by college Placement Officer Ken Anderson in a maintenance position with the firm in Port Colborne.

"I didn't expect a promotion this soon," Dave said. "As a matter of fact, I just bought a house here." The promotion will require him to move to Toronto with his wife, Margo, and their four-month-old son, Steven.

One of Dave's instructors, Lou Appel, remembers him as "serious when he had to be."

"That's the kind of kid he was, he really applied himself when he had to".

"I'm not an easy one to give fours; Dave got almost straight fours."

He won the Dean Wyatt award for the Most Outstanding Graduating Student from the School of Technology in 1973, with a grade point average of 3.93.

He remembers his intense desire to quit school at this time of year.

"When you're in school, you wonder 'is it really worth it?' But it really pays off, financially, and in job satisfaction".

Asked if his school training was relevant, Dave replied, "Very much so, a lot of the material I learned in school, I use every day. I'd recommend the course".

Dave was born and raised in Dunnville. His father owns Calvert's Clover Farm grocery store.

New Service Hopeful

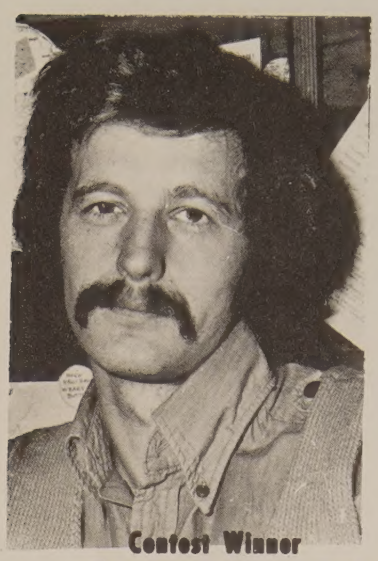
By WENDY LUCE

Niagara College's Hotel and Food Services program is unique in the province, according to Peter Sullivan, course co-ordinator.

The course, which operates from headquarters in the kitchen and dining room of the Sheraton-Foxhead In in Niagara Falls, may add another unique feature in the fall, if the official go-ahead is given.

A course dealing with front office and hotel management procedures has been designed to begin next semester. The only one of its type in existence, it will make use of the hotel's front desk facilities.

"We would never be able to duplicate the operation here (at the college) wthout it costing the taxpayers $20,000 or more."



Contest Winner

English instructor, Brian Green, won the prize for design of the 1974 Yearbook Cover.

Wellandvale

COMMUNITY ED. OFFERED IN DAYTIME

By DIANE WOOD

The School of Community Education is offering daytime courses at Wellandvale for the first time this year.

Art — brush and palette knife, ceramics, and sewing for fun and fashion are the three special interest courses being held during the day. A fourth course, adventures in oriental cooking, holds classes at the Provincial Gas Blue Flame Room, Pen Centre, St. Catharines.

Mrs. Jackquelynn Hendershott, administrative assistant of the school, said the courses were started because people who are home during the day requested them.

"Women, especially, are home during the day," she said, "but there are even retired gentlemen who are interested in daytime courses."

She said the art — brush and palette knife if one of the most popular courses. It has been offered the last three years, but not during the day.

The course, taught by Norbert Collins, teaches techniques of oil painting using the palette knife. It began Jan. 19 and goes until March 20.

The ceramics course, which began Jan. 16 and ends March 20, is an introductory course including hand building, slab and coil work, basic wheel throwing and the application of galzes. It is taught by Mrs. R. Reed and extends from Jan. 14 to March 19.

Sewing for fun and fashion is a course for experienced sewers that includes advanced sewing techniques. It began Jan. 14 and ends March 19. Mrs. W. Timlock is the teacher.

Starting March 2, a course in gardening for the home-owner will be held at the St. Catharines Department of Horticulture. Roger Gunthorpe will teach the course which will include basic landscape design, vegetable gardening, selection of trees and shrubs, and pest and disease control. It will end April 20.

Daytime courses were offered by the school last year at the Welland campus.

BAG OF TRICKS JUST FOR WOMEN

By KATHY RENWALD

Fear of Women, A Marriage Agreement, You Are What You Play, The Politics of Housework — these pamphlets give just a small indication of what is contained in the new Women's kit to be used in Ontario's high schools and community colleges.

According to Gail Hilyer, teacher of Women's Role in Canadian Society, "It's the first time a good collection of Canadian materials for women has been available." The kit contains posters, records, short stories, plays and filmstrips, all directly or indirectly about women and their socialization. It contains 150 to 200 items.

From Athens to N/C

PETER CAME A LONG WAY

By WENDY LUCE

It's a long way from Athens to St. Catharines, but for Peter Hahamian the journey has not proven impossible.

Since he arrived in Canada 6-1/2 years ago, with no knowledge of English or what the future could hold, Peter has travelled a route almost as long as the one which brought him to this country.

Settling in St. Catharines, along with his parents and sister, Peter first began working with a carpet-laying firm owned by an uncle. It was not long before he was enrolled in an English Second Language course at Niagara College's Welland Vale campus, St. Catharines.

"You have to start somewhere. Without a knowledge of English you can't get anywhere," the 23-year-old said.

This month, Peter began his final semester of a three-year Business Administration course at the Woodlawn Road campus. Throughout this course, Peter's name has appeared on the honor roll, and last semester he achieved first class honors.

But between the successes at Niagara College and the first few months in Canada are many years of up-grading and hard study.

"somebody told me about Canada Manpower, and the English course," Peter recalled. "I took that, then I began up-grading. I took Grade 7 on my own, then was sponsored by Canada Manpower in Grades 8, 9, and 10. I did 11 and 12 on my own, then took a 40-week accounting course sponsored by Manpower."

Since beginning full-time studies at Niagara, Peter has been paying his own way. Last summer he worked in the college's ASSIT program (A Supplying Small Industries in Trade) at Hennepin Hall. Other summers, he worked as a security guard.

"Most students don't have the chance to get jobs relating to their courses. It's hard to get them," he reflected.

"I think you get a fairly good education here. I like it: they treat you like an adult; you have freedom. And the teachers really co-operate with the students."

Learning English was the most difficult and most rewarding task Peter had to face in emigrating from Greece. The weather posed no problems.

"I like the winter. It makes you appreciate summer more."

Peter has not taken up skiing yet, nor does he plan to. Though he does play basketball at "The Y", and tennis on occasion, he says he "can't afford to break a leg. I don't take any chances."

Peter became a Canadian citizen about four months ago, shortly after the five-year waiting period expired. Next to the language, the differences in culture took the most getting used to.

"People here are different. Everything contributes to this difference — the automobile, television, and the socializing."

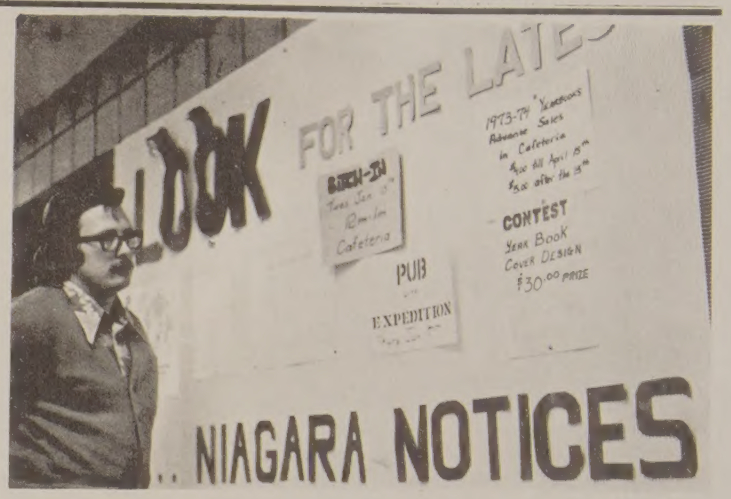
He feels, though, that attending college has helped him adapt to the Canadian lifestyle, perhaps even more easily than his parents, who he said stay mainly within their own community.

In the future, Peter hopes to find employment in the Registered Industrial Accountancy field.

"I'd like to move out of the region, but for a while I'd like to stay in St. Catharines," he said.

There are no trips to Greece scheduled, nor has Peter been back there since he arrived in Canada.

So, the traveller is nearing a bend in the road — a road which has already brought him from one side of the Atlantic to the other, and a road which has, as The Carpenters sing, "only just begun."



NIAGARA NOTICES

BULLETIN BOARD INFORMS

Niagara College has taken an awareness of personal appearance by beautifying her hallways with interesting and colorful bulletin boards. In the past, notices have been posted carelessly here and there on various walls and pillars, and even on plants, throughout the college. Now a conscientious effort is being made by the Educational Resource Technician students to organize the material in an attractive arrangement on the bulletin boards. The ERT students plan to tidy up the halls on a regular basis. "Visitors and people coming in for evening classes will most certainly be impressed by these displays which set a good example for the college," said Mrs. E. H. Lucas, Educational Resource Technician instructor. [*Photo by Brenda Fox*]

Photographer's Association To Aid Journalism Students

By WERNER BERGEN

The newly-formed Canadian News Photographers Association wants to improve the already high standards of news photography in Ontario by helping students in journalism courses.

Mort Karman, government liaison chairman of the Ontario News Photographers Association, said, "The students are our future news photographers and we wish to keep our high standards."

The CNA broke off from the National News Photographers Association, North American Association. Ontario is the only province in the CNA but Mr. Karman hopes other provinces will join to make it a completely Canadian association.

Mr. Karman said the Ontario news photographers continually win the highest awards in North American contests.

By helping the schools the CNA hopes to turn out press photographers with some experience and a thorough knowledge of the technical and artistic aspects of news photography.

The association plans to start a job referral system and start credit unions for its members.

Mr. Karman said the field is very competitive and a student who has not received proper training will not stand a chance of getting a job. The CNA is preparing a brief to be sent to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities with recommendations regarding improvements in photography training.

The CNA wants to help the colleges by setting up seminars, clip contests and recommending course priorities. Mr. Karman who has 15 years experience on newspapers such as the New York Herald is now unemployed. He said many photo journalists are unemployed because many newspapers have folded. Reporters can get jobs in public relations but photographers are highly skilled men in one field and must compete with each other for a limited number of jobs.

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Niagara College students at Quebec Winter Carnival. From left: Kris Wasiak, Fashion Arts; Angie Muto, Social Services and Patti Orsini, Interior.

(Photo by Miriam Showalter)

Quebec's Exciting Weekend

By MIRIAM SHOWALTER

The Quebec Winter Carnival lived up to its name in the estimation of Niagara College students.

C'est bon, fantastic and marvelous were words used to describe the carnival, and students were unanimous in wishing for a prolongation of the weekend.

A bus load of students, 39 in all, left from the college Thursday night, Feb. 7, and returned home early Monday morning. Driven by Howard Deitch, the bus was on the road about 12 hours each way.

Complete with cameras, film and luggage, they descended on Quebec City.

Weather on the weekend was sunny, but that did little to alleviate sub-zero temperatures made even worse by a brisk wind.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the carnival, largest of its kind in the world.

It combines the usual carnival attractions with a Pee-Wee hockey tournament, the most important playoffs in the minor leagues. Teams from France, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, the United States and Canada participated.

The ice castle is one of the biggest attractions of the carnival. It is built almost entirely of blocks of ice cut from the St. Lawrence River. Costing $30,000 to make, it takes about 200 volunteer workers two weeks to complete.

At night, lit up with decorations, it looks like a true fairyland castle.

Crowds stood 20-deep some places to watch the parade, and the icy slopes of the Citadel looked like a roost for thousands of colored birds as the population turned out in force to watch the car races.

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organization and attrition, for example, the recent elimination of the Registrar's office.

"Although some new positions have also been created, like an assistant to the President, more administrative positions have been eliminated than created, with actual salaries being less for the new positions," Mr. Manera told the Niagara News.

The provincial government freeze on capital funds had "created problems" for Niagara College, the review said.

"We feel that a selective freeze, with each request being considered on its merits, rather than the arbitrary across-the-board freeze we now have, would have been more appropriate.

"The approval of an extension to our existing cafeteria is much appreciated. We hope that a further relaxation of capital funds is forthcoming."

The review said the last and possibly most significant area of concern in the long run is the "slow but seemingly irreversible trend towards centralization of decision-making".

"While we do recognize that certain policies must be centrally co-ordinated and that accountability to the taxpayers must be maintained, we also feel that the erosion of local Board autonomy will result in poorer (less effective and more costly) performance of the Colleges in the long run."

"The more decisions are made in Toronto, and the more information we have to provide, the less opportunity there is to utilize local expertise and knowledge to achieve optimum results."

The report pointed out that Niagara College operates from seven different locations in the peninsula.

"This fragmentation, although necessary in some cases, is undesirable in others. The lack of capital funds is preventing us from realizing potential improvements in operations and cost reductions that would be possible if our building program were to continue."

In discussing the presentation of space, Jack Spittle manager of property and plant, told the Board of Governors meeting Jan. 24, "Some of the college's off-campus locations tend to be inefficient in that they duplicate some space that is available on campus."

"This duplication would not occur if the programs offered at these locations could be offered on campus."

Of attrition, the review said, "although current efforts involving counselling and remedial programs show promise and have had some positive results, we are still a long way from having solved this problem."

The college is under great pressure from advisory committees to interview and screen applicants to various programs "so as to admit only those whose potential for success is most evident".

This screening process is already applied in such courses as Early Childhood Education, where students best suited to the handling of children are accepted.

Mr. Manera later pointed to some disadvantages with this screening action; "It is difficult to meet a potential student for a few minutes in an interview and determine whether the person will succeed".

Confusion of Colors in Clothes Echoes Confusion in Today's Life

By KAREN CROZIER

World crises such as Watergate and the energy shortage directly affect fashions, says fashion arts co-ordinator Mrs. Marie Bramble.

"The bright colors we've been wearing show the confusion and chaos of our time," Mrs. Bramble said.

People want to escape from everyday pressures, so they want to express themselves in gay clothing. It is no accident that early fashions have become popular, she said.

Mrs. Bramble says the current 20's trend will soon turn to the soft pleasing thirties.

The coming 30's styles will feature the "movie star look."

"But it will be more down to earth than the twenties," she said.

The end of the Viet Nam war may have been a determining factor in bringing back the early fashions, Mrs. Bramble said.

After the First World War, society wanted to shut out the worries and pressures of that time, just like today.

"Also people want the security of the past because there is so much rapid change now."

"Fashions also reflect the economic situation." In an affluent society styles are giddy. During a depression styles are more creative and solid, Mrs. Bramble said.

She feels the energy crisis will have a definite effect on the clothing industry.

"The oil-based synthetics will become scarce and rise in price. As a result, consumers will look for better quality and be more cautious of what they buy," she said.

A 50 cent rise in manufacturing costs will mean $3.50 more for a finished dress.

Lend me your ear....

Tune in, tune up at Brock

By THOM LEPP

A week-long folk festival of workshops, and pubs and concerts has been finalized between the Brock University Student's Union and the Niagara Musician's Co-op — the first Brock Folk Festival.

From Feb. 24 to March 2 the festival at Brock will offer workshops in guitar styles, fiddle, banjo, mandolin and dulcimer plus contemporary song-writing and old time styles.

The Niagara Musician's Co-op which has been operating for the past three years by occasional government grants and the sheer effort of its own members will offer some of the best instrumentalists in the area for the workshops.

The festival will kick off with a pub presenting the Irish sounds of Duffy, Bailey and Shea and follow through the week with two-hour workshops during the afternoons and concerts and pubs in the evenings.

The festival will feature instruction in fiddle by Jamie Snider, banjo and dulcimer by Don Couchie, mandolin by Steve Sharratt and song-writing and guitar styles by Mick Delaney, Rick Taylor, Paul Stoner, Elvira Gracey and Jackie Rognvaldson.

The hope of the Niagara Musician's Co-op is to set up a permanent coffee house club in the downtown area of St. Catharines to offer entertainment for the citizens after the Brock Folk Festival.

HYPERMARKET - STORE OF FUTURE

By KAREN CROZIER

The supermarket may be on the way out and the hypermarket on the way in.

This is a forecast by Dr. Alton F. Doody, a merchandiser who predicted the coming of discount stores more than 20 years ago, according to Fashion Arts Co-ordinator Marie Bramble.

She brought the news back from a New York convention addressed by Dr. Doody.

"Dr. Doddy says the hypermarket will dominate the consumer market before 1980," Mrs. Bramble said.

Hypermarkets will be more than two-and-a-half times larger than discount stores and carry clothes, household goods and groceries. A one-check system will handle goods and shoppers en masse.

"The department stores of today will be the specialty high fashion shops of 1980," Mrs. Bramble said.

THE PHYSICIST IS A WOMAN

By KAREN CROZIER

A gardener has a green thumb, a writer a good quill and Niagara's newest physics teacher, Mrs. Sandra Cowley has a "technical bend of mind."

Mrs. Cowley began teaching at the college Jan. 7 as a part-time instructor of modern nuclear physics to their year electronic power engineering technology students.

"Physics gives students a rounded view of their surroundings," she said.

"How a television works, the use of light and photo-electric cells are applied physics."

Mrs. Cowley who lives in St. Catharines finds her part-time job convenient as she has two daughters aged two and four.

"I have been a housewife for the past four years and with this job, I can work and be with my family," she said.

She admits it is rare for a woman to be a physicist.

"I was the only woman in my graduating class."

Mrs. Cowley received her doctorate from Cambridge University, England, in 1967. Her field of specialization is crystalography, the structure of matter. Her husband is also a physicist.

Born in war-time Poland, she came to Canada at the age of 17 with her family.

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not a part of it." She felt her children were leaving her behing. The correspondence course failed to fulfil her need to know more. "Anything I learned, there was no one to share it with. There was such a long waiting period before the lessons came back. It was anonymous. I really needed personal contact."

The courses they chose reflect their variety of interests; Social services, interior design, journalism and library technician courses all have at least one middle-aged woman.

With one exception the women had been happy and fulfilled as housewives. Meg, 34, bluntly says, "Housework has no challenge. There was no goal." Meg wanted to work outside the home but with only a Grade 12 education she felt she needed some training before competing in the job market.

Laurie, another mature student, felt very anxious about starting a college course. Although Laurie had worked as a volunteer with retarded children and had taken night courses in a variety of subjects, the decision to try a full-time course caused a lot of anxiety.

"I was afraid I couldn't meet my goals," she said. This fear of failure is reflected in all the women at the college when they first started a course but the fear was mixed with excitement at trying something new.

"The methods of teaching were so different," Beth said. "I felt I had bitten off more than I could chew. I really panicked the first time I had to hand in a written assignment," Beth said.

"I felt like a fish out of water," echoed Meg.

Amy's first reaction was not to tell anyone she was going to college — "in case I fail." Like many of the others, she was afraid to speak out in class. After the initial fear was overcome, "I started to enjoy myself and I felt a lot freer."

Jo summed up the reaction of all the women when she said, "I was petrified."

The results of a first year at school showed their fear of failure, was unjustified. All the women placed high in their classes and returned for a second year at Niagara College with more confidence.

Although the women have teenagers of their own, their reaction to being surrounded by 1,500 pairs of blue jeans, long hair and skinny rib sweaters for seven hours five days a week, has changed their views drastically and made them more understanding of their own children's problems.

Both Jo and Amy agreed it was "worth the fees", just to have the daily contact with young people.

Admiration for the young is universal among these women, but they feel the high schools have not prepared these yound people to work on their own initiative.

This closing of the generation gap was summed up by a message to the older women placed in a college magazine by students of a creative English class. It said.

"We benefited by your presence and learned from you and we hope you did the same from us."